

HASSINGER WILL CARRY 9TH BY 1000 LEADERS PREDICT

Byrd's Charge That \$90,000 Slush Fund Has Been Dumped in 9th Is Admission of Democratic Defeat Leaders Say — Hassinger Speaks Here Saturday Night

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The greatest Republican rally of the campaign will be held next Saturday night when John H. Hassinger, Republican nominee for Congress, Sen. E. T. Franks, of Louisville, Ky., C. Bascom Slemmons and Senator J. C. Neal will address the voters of the Stone Gap. Plans have been completed to take care of the record-breaking crowds.

With the election only seven days of interest in the campaign has reached a point heretofore unknown in a political fight in the Ninth. Both sides are claiming the victory. The Democrats have imported their heavy artillery slingers into the "hokey Ninth" in an effort to turn the tide in favor of George Peery. Forgetful of other days when Slemmons led his party to victory, the Republican advocates are once again positive that they will win. The blare of bands and silvery stretches of oratory give rise to hope. Republican leaders declare do not yield. It is confidently believed by Republicans that Hassinger will win by more than 1000.

Commenting on the charges made by Chairman Byrd that Republican leaders had put \$90,000 slush fund into the Ninth, a prominent Wise county leader said, "It is an admission on the part of the State Chairman of Democratic defeat or a smoke screen to cover up their own slush fund."

"This is in marked contrast to the usual set up by the Democrats when Mr. Slemmons' so-called request to contest the election before it was called off, appeared in print," another man declared. "It is regrettable that a smoke screen or cloud of dishonesty should be cast over the Ninth in an eleventh hour effort to bolster up a confidence they do not have. I know of several hard-working men in Wise county who are paying money out of their own pockets for posters advertising speaking engagements who would like to know where the mysterious \$90,000 slush fund is located," he concluded.

Chairman Byrd's charge is accepted literally by Republican leaders throughout the county as an admission of defeat. The growing confidence that Hassinger will win by a good majority was strengthened last week when the Republican nominee answered the 14 questions put before him by the working men of the county. His reply was so clear-cut that many men who had been hanging back immediately came over and started out to line up their dissenting brothers. The belief that Hassinger was a rich man has also been shattered. The personal appearance of Hassinger is doing much to eliminate the belief that he is a defeated man even in a so-called "Democratic year."

DECREASING

Coal production in this field dropped 4,000 tons for the week ending October 21. The total output for the week was 162,926 tons, or 59.9 per cent of normal capacity. Car and labor shortage is given as the cause of the decrease. Loss due to labor shortage is given by the Virginia Coal Operators Association at 1,400 tons; car shortage was responsible for 104,307 tons showing on the wrong side of the ledger, according to the report. Loss because of mine inability is quoted as 1,154 tons for the week.

The Interstate Railroad continues to lead in the number of tons hauled to receiving lines. For the week ending October 21 this road moved 14,760 tons; the N. & W. handled 25,197 tons; the N. & N. 2,760 tons; Southern 46,131 tons and the C. & O. 31,028 tons.

"That locomotive factory that closed for lack of orders has started up again." "Yes, they're making whistles for the jazz orchestras."—Life.

SOCKS AND MORE SOCKS

A thousand dozen pairs of socks per day is the mark set by the local hosiery mill for the winter days ahead. Manager Wilcox is back from New York and announces that the local mill will be put into operation within ten days or two weeks. Heretofore a mere 350 dozen pairs per day was the limit reached at the mill. Just as fast as girls can be hired the output will be increased.

When the mill reaches its capacity between four and five hundred people will be employed. The one big problem to date has been labor. With the plans perfected and set in motion to make this mill the largest in the country, it is stated that labor shortage is the only thing to hold it back. A shortage of houses in the Gap has prevented many families from locating here that would supply help for the mill and it is hoped that this problem can be solved in some way.

COUNTY PROVIDES FUNERAL FOR TRAIN VICTIM

The county buried the "holo" who was killed near Norton a week ago last Saturday when a runaway passenger train collided with the Norton local, west bound. The body of the man was held at King's morgue in Norton until Tuesday of last week. All efforts to identify the man were futile.

IN COLUMBUS

W. H. Wren, president of the Mineral Motor Company, went to Bluefield, W. Va., and Columbus, Ohio, this week on business. While in Bluefield he attended a convention of Ford dealers. He went on to Columbus to get the first four-door sedan to be brought into these parts.

CRAWFORD TAKES ANOTHER STEP

Installs the Largest Press in County and Starts Out to Make Dreams Come True

From a modest diamond press, operated by hand, down through a period of distraction made possible by an antiquated old "Country Campbell," to the realization of a Webb perfecting Duplex Press, is the story of Crawford's Weekly to date.

Starting back in 1913 when his stock in trade was a borrowed hundred dollars and the desire to write something and print it, Crawford first hesitated, then crawled, and now announces that he aims to walk. Put down in black and white the story of his ups and downs from the old Diamond to the new Duplex would make a picturesque chapter in Wise county journalism. Sheer nerve, boundless optimism and the inability to recognize defeat when he met it is the story of his upward climb. He had no knowledge of the printer's complicated art. He knew how to put one word down after another and make a period when the end of the line was reached. That was about all. He did that endlessly and sometimes with the most unexpected results. He soon knew the wrath of indignant citizens who concluded their lectures with, "Young man, this town ain't big enough for that sort of thing!" But he kept on thinking for himself, and printing what he thought. He still does it and complications, while not so frequent, continue to rise unexpectedly.

Is Well Known

Very few people in Wise county have failed to hear of Crawford. His policy of "fearlessly independent" has served to bring him to the limelight in county discussions of every kind. One hears that he is an "unbeliever," a "red," and everything but what he really is. He is neither an "unbeliever" nor a "red." He is first human, then a student and above all sincere. These three things backed by a versatile pen give his writings a charm that is irresistible. He is just 29. Everything is in the future for him. His dream of journalism is not confined to "locals." He has a larger vision and the Duplex is but the beginning of the fulfillment of that dream.

Saturday's issue was off the new press. It is a credit to its publisher and the county.

SEES VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS IN NINTH



GOVERNOR E. LEE TRINKLE

WISE HI TEACHERS LIKE THEIR PATRONS

Civic League Entertains Them at Home of Mrs. W. B. Hamilton

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hamilton on Tuesday evening, October 24th, the Civic League of Wise entertained the teachers. The guests began to arrive at 7:30 and by 8:00 o'clock games were in full swing. Everybody played. In one room there was quite a bit of excitement over a game of "King on the String," while across the hall against physicians and lawyers along with dignified Mrs. Teachers, could be seen busily illustrating the proverbial "Trip to Paris."

A delightful musical program formed part of the evening's enjoyment. Mrs. E. C. Carico and Mrs. Jim Dale sang beautifully. During the evening there were a number of well chosen Victrola selections.

Refreshments, consisting of a salad course and coffee, were served at eleven o'clock.

As the guests were leaving, one patron was heard saying to another, "Pretty interesting group of teachers," while near them a little teacher whispered to her companion, "These people are certainly fine. I knew I'd like them all."

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Broadwater, Misses Lay, Stradley, Collier, Hyatt, Phippings, Webb, Eldridge, Bayben, Muncy, Hyatt, Whentley, Llewellyn, Mrs. Bickley, Misses Berta Givens, Willie Banner, Susie Campbell, Charlotte and Emma Dotson, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. L. B. Gilly, Mrs. W. B. Addington, Mrs. W. E. Miller, Mrs. D. E. Llewellyn, Mrs. E. L. Barr, Mrs. Napoleon Dotson, Mrs. J. M. Hill, Mrs. Jeff Kizer, Mrs. Jim Dale, Mrs. E. C. Carico, Mrs. Pearl Hylton, Mrs. Olie Stallard, Master Edward Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Jannis Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gillenwater, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McCorkle, Mr. Chas. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fulton, Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Hix, Dr. and Mrs. Sikes, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Givens.

WILL BUILD NEW RESERVOIR

A reservoir will be built by the county on the Vickers farm at Wise. It will be 40x40x10 and will supply the jail and courthouse with abundant water. During the dry months the prison authorities had a great deal of trouble with the water supply. It is believed that the new reservoir will solve the problem.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school session opens at 9:45. Preaching and communion service starts at 11:00 o'clock.

Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:45.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening promptly at 7:30.

A welcome is extended to all.

FINE BRICK CAN BE MADE HERE

Preliminary Tests of Big Stone Gap Clay Make a Fine Showing

Great satisfaction prevails among those citizens who are investigating the clay and shale resources of Big Stone Gap, over the splendid showing from the preliminary tests. The samples received show conclusively that the highest quality of face brick can be made in a range of colors from light buff or cream color, to the darkest, richest red. The light colored brick will sell on the market at nearly double the price of the usual red shades.

The committee finds an inexhaustible supply of the proper clays and shales, and will now invite experts here to advise them how to obtain the very best results from these valuable deposits, and proceed to have scientific and exhaustive tests made and samples shipped here to show prospective investors. It is hoped that our own citizens will avail themselves of the chance to invest in a highly profitable home industry.

The committee recommends that some expert manufacturer, whose own funds will be invested, be given every assistance and co-operation in establishing a strictly modern brick plant here. Other clay products can undoubtedly be produced, and will add to the profits of the plant.

The members of the committee are R. B. McGeekin, W. W. Taylor, J. H. Catron and Dan Bostie. They will give every attention to any one interested in the project.

COEBURN WATER SYSTEM PRAISED

County Health Expert Declares Newly Installed System is Adequate to All Needs

C. N. Nebbett, county health department expert, has just completed a survey of the water and sewer systems for the town of Coeburn. His report to the town council declares that the system is modern and is adequate to all needs of the town for years to come.

Nebbett's report has been received in Coeburn with much satisfaction. Perhaps no water system in the county has ever presented so many difficulties. It was thought on several occasions that the project would have to be given up. The system cost about \$35,000 and its completion is due to the energy of J. P. Lay, and many other prominent Coeburn men.

VERNON TAKES A RIDE

Vernon Mitchell, Norton negro youth, was hauled into the Mayor's court at that place last week charged with damaging a Ford car which he had used for joy-riding when it was turned over to him to be washed. He had to pay the damage.

SHORTAGE EXPLAINED

According to no less an authority than Mayor Horsley the flow of moonshine is regulated by the rainfall. No rain no liquor and peace is upon the land. For days on end red noses have been few in this county. The thirty day drouth which ended not long ago paralyzed the rum industry of our rugged, picturesque hills. Nothing flourished but the coal industry, and it limped. The old jail was deserted except for a couple of gentlemen who laughed at the drouth and fell back on the denatured article to obtain a thrill. But the rain came, lots of it, and from the ancient hills the demon rum has started down in kegs, jugs, oil cans and bottles. Life is again worth living, the town hall is getting back on paying basis. Mayor Horsley smiles as of old and Pluto is much in demand at the county drug shops. A little rain, a little shine, and the world wags along with a smile!

GRAHAM GIBSON DIED SUNDAY

Graham Gibson, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson, of Stonegap, died at that place Sunday morning at 11:30. The little fellow had been confined to his bed for eight weeks when the end came. All efforts to save the boy were unsuccessful. He was buried Monday afternoon in the Gilly Cemetery, near Tate's Spring in the Valley. The funeral services were conducted at the home.

RETURNED HOME

Miss Grace Wolfe, who spent her vacation in the Gap with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wolfe, returned to Washington last week where she holds a government position.

WILL HAVE BRANCH IN APPALACHIA

Mineral Motor Company Pays \$15,000 for Lot on Which Old Offices of Morton & Parker Were Located—Will Build Early Next Year

The Mineral Motor Company, Big Stone Gap, will build a modern garage and service station in Appalachia early next year. W. H. Wren, president of the Mineral Motor Company, announced yesterday that his company had purchased from Morton & Parker the lot on which the old offices of the lawyers were located. The lot is located on the south side of Main street and has a 59 foot front by 100 feet deep. The price paid by the Ford dealers was \$15,000.

Early in January the Mineral Motor Company will build a modern fireproof garage and service station on the site. The front of the building will be of terracotta construction. Plate glass windows will also be a feature. The gasoline tank used in connection with the filling station will hold a car load of gasoline. Ford cars can be unloaded from the tracks right into the building. Mr. Wren was optimistic over the deal and expressed belief that Appalachia was by far the coming metropolis of the county.

"We will build an ideal service station," he said. "It is our aim to establish the finest service in the country for Ford owners. In locating at Appalachia we are positive that we have selected the coming town of the county. We like Appalachia people, we like the way they do business and it is a pleasure to locate there."

The home office of the company will continue to be made in the Gap. There will be no change in the policy of the company. The Appalachia branch will be complete in itself.

The Mineral Motor Company was organized in 1916. During the first year they sold twenty-four fivers. The next year they sold 126—all they could get. Today Wise county has more than 2,000 fivers, the majority of which were sold by the Mineral Motor Company. Their growth has been steady. Starting in a one-room repair shop in 1916 the business investment represents more than \$75,000 today. The Big Stone Gap branch cost more than \$50,000. A stock of \$25,000 is carried at all times. The company also has a branch at Pennington Gap.

TRINKLE AND PEERY RECEIVE SPLENDID OVATION IN THE GAP

Both Are Greatly Encouraged by Developments of Past Week—Believe Victory is Certain

George C. Peery was much pleased with the reception accorded Governor Trinkle and himself in the Gap last Saturday when they addressed a huge crowd of voters in the Amuzu Theatre. Mr. Peery had a busy day. Forty-nine years ago the Democratic nominee and Pat Kennedy, town treasurer, were announced as arriving in this world on the same day. Saturday they joined hands to celebrate the occasion at Mr. Kennedy's home with a big dinner. Mr. Peery was 49 years old.

He said that the splendid ovation accorded him at the Gap and in Norton was a birthday present such as he had never received before. He was delighted over the prospects of victory.

Mrs. George Taylor, of the Gap, introduced Mr. Peery in a clever little talk. Mr. R. T. Irvine, once an opponent of C. B. Slemmons, introduced Governor Trinkle in a short characteristic talk.

The Governor's address made a profound impression on his hearers. The Ninth district is a familiar battle ground to him. He has traveled the route Peery is now going, but he believes that the Tazewell man will have more luck that he had when Mr. Slemmons defeated him for Congress. Sincerity is the keynote of Governor Trinkle's success as an orator. His ability to make the prosaic beautiful has earned for him the reputation of being a "political evangelist." Saturday he paid a beautiful tribute to the women of the county and Virginia.

At Norton Saturday night the party met with the same big welcome. Peery, interrupted by a heckler in the audience, invited him to the platform for a joint discussion. Several men in the room invited the man out side and helped him out. Slemmons record was attacked vigorously by the Governor in his Norton address. Frequent bursts of applause broke into his attack on Slemmons. Predicting victory for Peery and declaring that the next Congress would be Democratic he closed his address in a storm of applause.

Peery indulges in no personalities. He talks straight from the shoulders and says what he thinks. He says he will be elected by a large majority.

TEACHER WANTED

Mr. Broadwater, principal of the Wise High School, is looking for a teacher. Down about Toano, Virginia, Herman Lee Harris, former Wise county boy, is looking for a bungalow or cottage. It came in this way: Saturday Mr. Harris and Miss Angela Phippings, 5th grade teacher at Wise, got married. Bristol was the place. Sunday night the happy couple arrived at East Stone Gap where they were met by Bruce Crawford, a Norton boy. It seems that no one except the bride and groom, the bride's room mate and the parson were supposed to know anything about it. The Bristol meeting was romantically arranged by telegraph code. For example, "Have already accepted position," a wire sent to the groom Friday morning, when translated meant, "I'll meet you in Bristol." Next day Crawford got a mysterious message to deliver to some one at Wise, and that message let the ancient cat out of the well-known bag. It spilled the matrimonial secret and a car load of rice throwers swooped down upon the unsuspecting pair.

That changed everything, and got Supt. Kelly busy on the wire trying to locate a teacher for Mr. Broadwater. Mrs. Harris will continue at Wise until next Wednesday when she will leave for Toano where her husband is located. Mr. Harris is Superintendent of Schools for Charles City, James City and New Kent counties. He returned East Monday afternoon.

Speak softly to your wife. She hasn't forgotten how to contrast your growth of today with your pure of courtship days.